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MISSION STATEMENT

“As advisors to the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, the Mission of the Emergency Medical Care Committee is to be an advocate for the community through the development of strategies for continuous improvement of the emergency medical services system.”

EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE (EMCC) MEETING

Frank Parra, Chair/ Chara Cote, R.N., Vice-Chair

Minutes

Thursday, May 24, 2018

Members Present

Abbott, Stephen – District 5
Adler, Fred – District 3
Carlson, R.N., Sharon – Hospital Assoc. of SD/Imp Counties
Cote, R.N., Chara – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators
Drum, Daryn – County Paramedic Agencies Committee
Graydon, R.N., Cheryl – Emergency Nurses’ Association (Alt)
Kahn, M.D., Christopher – District 4
Lyons, Laura – American Red Cross (Alt)
Marugg, James – SD County Fire Districts’ Association (Alt)
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – District 2
McJannet, R.N., Catherine – District 1
Parra, Frank – SD County Fire Chiefs’ Association
Scott, M.D., Christopher – SD County Medical Society

Unrepresented

Bi-national Emergency Medical Care Committee*
Law Enforcement Agencies
League of California Cities*
Military Agencies
San Diego County Ambulance Association
San Diego County Paramedic Association
San Diego County Emergency Physicians’ Society*

In Attendance

Contreras, Loretta – SWC
Covell, R.N., Brian – Mercy Scripps
deKlerk, R.N., Maude – RCCP
Kleinschmidt, Aaron – Mercy Air
Marquez, Amy – Mercy Air
Meick, Tyler – Reach Air
Smith, R.N., Zechariah – CSA17 EMS Coord
Yates, Judith – HASDIC

County Staff

Ameng, R.N., Diane
Beam, Jamie
Christison, Brian
del Toro Cummings, Nicole (recorder)
Goldstein, Marlene
Kiviat, Aurora
Koenig, M.D., Kristi
Lee, Chris
Mahoney, R.N., Meredith
Parr, Andy
Schoenheit, R.N., Candy
Smith, PhD, Joshua
Smith, R.N., Susan
Tuteur, M.D., Jennifer
Wolchko, Janet

*Representative positions vacant

I. CALL TO ORDER/ PLEDGE/ INTRODUCTIONS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

Frank Parra, EMCC Chair called the meeting to order at 9:31 am. The group recited the pledge as requested by the chair. Introductions were made. The chair announced that he and Criss Brainard were approved by the Board of Supervisors as EMCC members representing San Diego Fire Chiefs' Association. Frank Parra is the primary member and Chris Brainard is the alternate member.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions submitted.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Catherine McJannet, seconded by Christopher Scott to approve the EMCC minutes from April 26, 2018. Motion carried.

IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee – Chara Cote

Reviewed policies that are to be discussed and reviewed at this meeting.

B. Education/Research Subcommittee – Linda Rosenberg

No meeting.

C. Disaster/Operations Subcommittee – Sharon Carlson

No meeting. Andy Parr is requesting a meeting to discuss Annex D.

V. COUNTY REPORT (Reports)

A. Clinical Report – Kristi Koenig, MD

- 1) Influenza season is over. As of May 7, there have been 20,777 cases of influenza, 300 in the ICU, 341 deaths and 117 outbreaks.
- 2) Hepatitis A: an accommodation was given to the paramedics for vaccination. Hepatitis A is spreading to other states. As of May 15, 588 cases, 68% hospitalizations and 20 deaths.
- 3) Ebola outbreak: watching carefully, no international concern. There is an experimental Ebola vaccination. 58 suspected cases have been reported and 27 deaths.
- 4) Drug shortages:
 - Use of Fentanyl as an alternative pain medication effective July 1.
 - IV acetaminophen use for adults and pediatrics (age 12+)
 - Joint letter published linking shortage to disaster for distribution purposes.
- 5) Continue to work on cross border transfers. They were discussed at the May 8 & 9 border summit.

B. Administrative Report – Andy Parr

- 1) National EMS week; County staff is giving out goodies to EMS staff at emergency departments throughout the County.
- 2) LEMSIS programs continue; new agencies joining. Next opportunity to join is in the fall.
- 3) 7th ANNUAL Hands only ‘Sidewalk CPR’ was a big success. Many agencies participated. Additional are welcome next year to participate.
- 4) Next week is the EMSAAC conference on May 30-31 in San Diego. Information will be provided to those who are interested.
- 5) EMT regulations have changed. As of July 1, 2019, documentation of training on the regulations changes is needed to certify or renew certification.

C. Unified Service Area Report – Andy Parr

- 1) Working closely with our contractor to announce the dates and times of the Listening Sessions in the community: two in San Marcos, two in National City and about a dozen more in the back country, north, central and south. Look forward to input from the communities.

VI. TRANSFER OF CARE (TOC) REPORTING – Josh Smith

- 1) Updated format of offload times in Emergency Department table, which now includes previous months.
- 2) Compliance was up to 60%.
- 3) Sharp Grossmont Hospital showed a huge percentage increase.
- 4) County increase 67% for under 30 minutes.
- 5) EMS Agencies TOC compliance.

Comments:

- Agencies are reminded to update county staff whenever changing unit identifiers in First Watch (example: RA to MA).
- Level of increase in compliance and how it affected overall perceived times; will explore longer term trend next month.

VII. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM REVIEW (EMCC Voting Item)

A. “Maddy” Emergency Medical Services Fund Board Letter.

- 1) Maddy funds are distributed according to a formula specified in Health and Safety Code.
- 2) State EMSA issued new guidance for the distribution and reporting of Maddy funds.
- 3) There will be a small adjustment of less than .5% of Maddy funds that come to the program in June for distribution.
- 4) Recommendation to the Board of Supervisors consideration on June 19 is to adopt an updated resolution that clarifies all collections deposited into the EMS Maddy fund, to be distributed in accordance with the state EMSA guidance and with Health and Safety code.
- 5) Discussion on distribution and proportion of fees. Suggestion to repeat information and explanation at the upcoming EMOC meeting.

Action:

A motion was made by Stephen Abbott, seconded by Christopher Kahn to approve the “Maddy” Emergency Medical Services Fund Board Letter. Motion carried.

B. Public Hearing to Confirm Fiscal Year 2018/19 Levies for Permanent Road Division Zones, County Service Areas and Zones, and Stormwater Maintenance Zone Board Letter

- 1) Minor adjustments in fee levies for areas CSA-17 and CSA-69.
- 2) Benefit fees only assessed on residential dwellings and are shown separately on an individual property owner’s tax bill.
- 3) Increase in CPI.
- 4) Adjustment amount is 3.01%.
- 5) Recommendation to Board of Supervisors on June 27, which will be bundled with 67 other fee levies.

Comment: A request was made to receive this kind of information for review, prior to the board meeting and the committee meeting.

Action:

A motion was made by Daryn Drum, seconded by Jim Marugg. Motion carried.

VIII. SYSTEM POLICY REVIEW (EMCC Advisory Position)

A. P-430: Special Assignment – Fireline Paramedic

Review:

- LEMSA reporting and notification of personnel and resources
- Check and balance, crew movement and resources
- Following home LEMSA policies and protocol
- Data on frequency of use on pain control
- Aspirin mg correction
- Create notification email address for County EMS

B. S-601: Documentation Standards and Transferal of Prehospital Care Record (PCR) Information

Review: Date change

C. S-602: EMS Provider Data Submission Process

- Date change
- Discussion and comments on the use of third party vendor and data submission.

D. S-603: System Management and Support during Downtime

Review: Date change

Action:

A motion was made by Mary Meadows-Pitt, seconded by Sharon Carlson to approve the changes to S-601, S-602 and S-603. Motion carried.

E. P-806: ALS First Responder Inventory

Review:

- Discussion on pediatric intubation tubes, esophageal confirmation syringes.
- Alignment with updates in scope.

F. P-807: Wildland ALS Kit Inventory

Review: Alignment with updates in scope.

G. B-834: BLS First Responder Inventory

Review:

- Alignment with updates in scope.
- Addition of optional items, glucometer, epinephrine auto injector (adult and pediatric) and naloxone intranasal (Required July 1, 2019).

IX. MEDICAL POLICY REVIEW (EMS Medical Director Approval)

A. T-460: Identification of a Trauma Center Candidate

Review:

- Collecting data to drive policy changes.
- Age 55 vs 65. Special consideration, evaluation at the scene, paramedic assessment.

X. OLD BUSINESS

No old business to discuss.

XI. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next EMCC meeting is scheduled for June 28, 2018.
The meeting adjourned at 10:50 AM.